



FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 23, 1894.

MR. CLEVELAND'S proposed plan of enlarging the scope of the civil service law so as to take in every officer of the government except the President and the members of his cabinet and of the civil service commission, would be perfect if it were so extended as to include them also. The higher the office, certainly the more necessary the competency of its occupant. There is no doubt of the truth of the statement that examining boards ask applicants for the lowest grade clerkships in the government departments at Washington questions which none of those now filling the offices the President would exclude from the operation of the civil service law could answer satisfactorily. The knowledge of the fact that applicants for positions in the federal service have to stand such tom-fol examination had no little to do with the recent prodigious slump in the democratic vote.

NOTHING is more common now-a-days than newspaper statements to the effect that the President and members of his cabinet are hard at work, the former preparing his message and the latter their reports to Congress. But nothing could be more erroneous. Neither the President nor any of his cabinet officers is ever "hard at work" on any such matters. Their subordinates may be, but they never are. They may suggest to the former certain ideas of their own or, more probably, other people's minds, in respect of such work, but, as to doing it themselves, no such thought ever entered their heads.

ONE of the republican negro orators in New York, who was too persistent in his demands for the payment of an order for twenty dollars for party services, was so forcibly and violently ejected from republican headquarters in that city that he was hurt, and he has brought suit for ten thousand dollars damages. As the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is hoped he may win the case. Northern republicans will not give offices to negroes, but they should at least be made to pay them their money dues.

THREE THOUSAND names, mostly those of negroes, have been appended to a petition to Congress for suffrage in the District of Columbia. As negroes are appointed to important and lucrative government offices in Washington, not for competency or efficiency, but for the avowed reason that their race must be recognized, surely those in Washington should not be denied the privilege there that is accorded them when they visit the States adjoining that city on election days.

SENATOR HOAR, at the banquet of the Home Market Club, in Boston last night, waved the bloody shirt, denounced the South and favored the enactment of the Force bill, and the worst of it was that what he said was heartily applauded. What do the ten thousand Virginia ex-democrats who voted the populist ticket at the late election, and thereby showed their desire to elect a republican Congress, think of themselves, in view of what Mr. Hoar says?

IN HIS speech at Boston last night ex-Speaker, and Speaker to be, Reed took decided ground against interfering with the Gorman tariff bill in the next Congress, and said that all that his party could do until 1897 would be to let the country try the effects of that bill. Mr. Reed, like the late General Butler, never was charged with being a fool, and he never showed his good sense more patently than when he made the speech referred to.

A VERY wise bill has been introduced in the Georgia legislature. It provides for the appointment, not the election, of judges, the Governor to select one of three lawyers recommended by the supreme court, and his appointment to be confirmed by the State Senate. The farther the judiciary is removed from the voice of the people, the better for the people.

THE RECENT General Assembly of the Knights of Labor insisted that bar keepers and lawyers must be excluded from their organization. And, yet but for bar keepers there would be no violent strikes, and but for lawyers all those engaged in such strikes would be sent to jail. Evidently the assembly referred to holds to the idea of "benefits forgot."

PEOPLE who heard Mr. Robert Beverley talk before the late election—and credited what he said—will be surprised to learn that the vote his party cast in Virginia at that election amounted to just exactly 10,291, though last year it polled over eighty thousand. Did the other seventy thousand go over bodily to the republicans?

ACCORDING to Mr. Tracey, ex-Secretary of the Navy, ships can be built as cheaply in this country as in those across the water. Mr. Cramp says practically the same thing. But

still the rampant protectionists say the only way by which American ships can be made profitable to American owners is by subsidizing them.

As Mrs. CLEVELAND does not think the wall of the White House, while Mr. Cleveland is there, a fit place for Watts's famous painting, Love and Life, she has recommended that it shall be sent to the Smithsonian gallery, and her recommendation will be adopted.

A WOMAN in West Virginia holds a commission as Colonel in the militia of that State. No wonder the democrats lost West Virginia at the late election.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23, 1894. It was discovered this morning that all the Howgate vouchers, to the amount of \$130,000, all supposed to be forgeries, and upon which the government chiefly depended for its prosecution of Captain Howgate, have disappeared from the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, in which they had been looked up. As there are several people here who would have been put in a very awkward and embarrassing position by the trial of Captain Howgate, it is naturally supposed that the disappearance of the vouchers was effected by somebody familiar with the office—for a consideration.

Of the four hundred clerks yet remaining in the census bureau, all except eighty will be discharged at the end of the current month.

Mrs. Lily Thompson who has applied for a place on the police force of this city, is a dress reformer and an athlete. Judge Nicol of Manassas, who will on the first of the new year succeed Judge Keith as Judge of the Alexandria, Virginia, circuit court, closed his office here last Wednesday.

Mr. Kirk, one of the managers of the Virginia Jockey Club, who, it may be mentioned, looks as if he were the twin brother of Mr. J. R. Tucker, says no matter what the rumors about that club may be, racing on its track will be kept up during the continuance of good weather, however long that may be. He says of course horses will not be run in snow or rain, or when the track, from either, is in bad condition, but that in this mild climate he does not expect long spells of bad weather during any even of the winter months. He says that some of the horses that were on the track have gone away, but that more have come, and that many more are waiting to come as soon as places can be made for them. He also says the racing is conducted in accordance with old-time Virginia tracks, and that no improper behavior or parties are admitted.

The series of luncheons given at Willard's Hall by the lady friends of the Ex-Confederate Society here closed last night. They were very successful and quite a large sum was raised for indigent soldiers of the Confederate army. It is learned from Virginia republicans here to-day that though General Mahone wants to make an effort to unseat the whole democratic congressional delegation from Virginia, upon the ground of the unconstitutionality of the new election law, the wiser men of the party have practically determined to select three or four of the stronger cases, in which they think fraudulent voting can be proved, and to confine their efforts to them.

It is said at the hospital to-day that William Walker of Richmond, who lost his leg at the B. & O. R. R. depot here yesterday evening, is doing well. State Senator Little of Fredericksburg, Virginia, was here to-day. He says the proposed contest for the seat of Congressman Jones, of his district, is absurd. A prominent republican from the same district, recently here, said he supposed Mr. McDonald would abandon it before long.

Col. Ike Hill, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the U. S. House of Representatives, has just returned from his State, Ohio. He says that though the republican vote there at the recent election was 30,000 less than at the previous election, the republican majority was 137,000, for the reason that the democrats there said if Mr. Cleveland wouldn't take the trouble to vote, they wouldn't either.

Superintendent Callahan, of the Norfolk steamship line, says work on the new steamer for that line has commenced at Newport's News, and that by the contract she must be completed by the first of June.

Col. "Lige" White went through here yesterday, but not, as was supposed, to go after the lady he is to marry. He returned to-day, and when the subject was mentioned, said the lady's brother when informed by her of her intended marriage, replied that "he supposed Colonel White had raided Pennsylvania enough during the war, and would have been content to let the State alone now." The Colonel says he made up his mind some time ago he would not let Pennsylvania alone until he had captured the whole of her, and that having done that now, she need fear him no more. About the recent election in his county, the Colonel says it was perfectly fair and that Mr. McCaull's proposed contest cannot possibly amount to anything if tried by unprejudiced men.

NEW COURT OF APPEALS.—The new Court of Appeals will organize on the first of next January. Judge James Keith, of Fauquier; R. H. Cardwell, of Hanover; John W. Kelly, of Halifax; George M. Harrison, of Augusta, and John H. Buchanan, of Washington, will constitute the court.

In view of his long and honorable service on the bench, most of the lawyers think Judge Keith will be made president of the court. Judge Cardwell will probably be elected resident judge. It is said that he will not accept the position if its duties will necessitate a removal of his family to Richmond.

The Judge has a most comfortable home in Hanover, and can visit the city daily to hear any motions that may be made in vacation. Thus it is thought by many that he may serve as resident judge without actually residing in the city.

There will be numerous candidates for the position of reporter of the court, now filled by Col. G. W. Hansborough, of Salem, and several applicants for the office of librarian, held at present by Mr. T. M. Fowler, of Louisa county. As far as is known, Mr. George Keith Taylor will have no opposition for clerk.

Judge Lewis, president of the old court, will open a law office here on January 1st, and Judge Lacy, if his health permits, will practice his profession here.—Richmond State.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

U. S. Senator Ransom was thrown from his buggy on his farm in North Carolina yesterday and painfully hurt.

A survey for the extension of the West Virginia Central Railroad to the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs has been completed.

Maj.-Gen. William Wirt Allen, a distinguished soldier of the Confederate army, died Wednesday in Sheffield, Ala., of heart disease.

The President has been suffering greatly from a severe attack of the gout, from which he has been confined to his bed for three days past at the country place, Woodley.

The grand jury of McLennan county, at Waco, Texas, has indicted John D. Rockefeller and other Standard Oil magnates for alleged conspiracy to control the oil market.

The District of Columbia Commissioners yesterday announced the appointment of John B. Brady as inspector of buildings to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas B. Entwistle.

A dispatch from Dundee says that a whaling vessel that has arrived at that port brought a letter from Lieutenant Peary, the American Greenland explorer, dated Cape York, May 29. Lieutenant Peary expressed the hope that other ships would touch at Cape York before winter set in.

At Riverton, N. J., yesterday Annie Quinn, a demented servant girl, attempted to cremate the two-year-old baby of Edward Pearson, a butcher. The girl made an unsuccessful attempt to throw the baby in a cooking stove fire and fought like a demon when the child was rescued. When the mother attempted to save her child the girl dragged her from the room and locked the door.

The dwelling house of Peter Myers, three miles north of Cearloss, Md., burned to the ground yesterday, when all were away from home but four small children. The little baby, asleep upstairs, would have been cremated alive had not her little brother bravely dashed through the fire and smoke in imminent danger of losing his own life, and rescued the child. Several sticks of dynamite, which were kept in the cellar, exploded.

The prosecution of Captain Henry W. Howgate, formerly chief of the signal service, charged before the Criminal Court of the District of Columbia with forgery and embezzlement in connection with the management of his office to the amount of many thousands of dollars, promises to end far short of a long term of years in the penitentiary. It was rumored about the City Hall yesterday that the case for the government was practically on the verge of collapsing on account of the defective indictments brought against the accused thirteen years ago prior to his escape from the officials of the jail, and that as a last resort an attempt would be made to bring about another investigation by the grand jury.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Rev. G. Moseley Murray, of Rapidan, has been elected rector of St. George's, Lee, Mass.

The University of Virginia football team yesterday defeated the Philadelphia Athletic Club 64 to 0.

John Balda Crenshaw, an old citizen of Lynchburg, died yesterday. Mr. Crenshaw was born in Bedford sixty-five years ago.

Mr. James A. Wheeler, one of the oldest residents in Spotsylvania, died on Wednesday, at his home, near Brockenburg, at the advanced age of 92 years.

The marriage of Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Congressman from the Danville district, to Miss Lizzie D. Lyons, of Richmond, is announced to take place in Washington on the 11th of December.

The marriage of Miss Susie Colston Minor, the daughter of John B. Minor, professor of law in the University of Virginia, to Mr. John Wilson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., took place yesterday in the University chapel.

The members of Hull's Chapel, in Stafford county, are erecting a new church to take the place of the old building, which has become too small to comfortably accommodate the growing congregation. Rev. A. T. Lynn is the pastor.

W. S. Embrey, of Fredericksburg, shipped a large number of railroad ties to the northern markets this week, three large barges having been loaded for him. The carrier 18,000 ties. Maj. Embrey says there is a little better demand for ties, but at the same old price.

At the annual meeting in Richmond on Wednesday evening of the Colonial Dames the election resulted in the reelection of Mrs. Robinson as president; Mrs. James Lyons and Mrs. M. F. Pleasant as vice presidents; Miss Margaret V. Smith, of Alexandria, as historian, and Mrs. Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, to fill a vacancy on the board.

At the last meeting of the Norfolk Common Council a resolution was offered asking for an appropriation of \$500 to be expended at the discretion of his honor, Mayor Pettit, in employing a special detective. This special officer is to acquire all necessary information which will lead to breaking up all the so-called social clubs where the law in regard to prohibiting the sale of liquor on the Sabbath day is violated. He is also to get enough evidence to close all gambling houses.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Virginia met in Richmond yesterday afternoon in its second annual session. Mr. J. Taylor Elyson and Rev. George Cooper delivered addresses of welcome, which were responded to by Mr. J. J. Hall, of Norfolk. The first order of business was the reading of the statistical reports. These showed that at present there were thirty-eight unions in the State, with a total membership of 2,660. Mr. A. W. Patterson then read an interesting paper on "What Practical Service can we now render our Churches?"

THE JURY HANGS FREE.—The result yesterday evening of the long-delayed and tediously conducted trial of Thomas N. McNamee for the murder of Robert Lee Atwell in Richmond was the failure on the part of the jury to agree upon a verdict. That body was promptly locked up last night and it is expected that a verdict will be reached by the opening of to-day's session of the court. The case is one of the most sensational that has been heard in a Richmond court since the celebrated Cliverius trial. While there is much speculation as to the result, it is generally thought the verdict will hardly be murder in the first degree.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin states that four attacks have been made upon Port Arthur by the Japanese troops. In the first of these the attacking forces succeeded in driving in the Chinese outposts, but the other three resulted in their repulse by the Chinese.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Dr. J. B. Pioda, counsellor of the Swiss Legation in Rome, has been appointed Swiss minister to Washington.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The *Globe* publishes a dispatch from Tokio, saying that the third Japanese corps has sailed from Ujiwa. Its destination is not known, but it is believed that the objective point of the corps is the Yang-Tse-Kiang river.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—In regard to the report that Lord Dunsen had decided to challenge for the America's cup, Mr. Richard Grant, secretary of the Royal Yacht Squadron, said at Cowes to-day that nothing had been definitely settled in the matter as yet. He had received no instructions up to the present time, but intimated that he might be in receipt of specific directions within a few days. Mr. G. L. Watson, the designer, said in Glasgow to-day that if the Americans would accept Lord Dunsen's challenge upon the mutually fair conditions he suggests, a yacht would be built forthwith to contest for the America's cup, but he had not yet received an acceptance of his challenge. Mr. Watson said that if a yacht were built she would be larger than the Valkyrie, and her sail area would be greatly increased. "She will not have a centre-board," said Mr. Watson, "but she will be an improved Britannia."

The Government Loan.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The success of the government loan now appears to be assured. Whether an actual syndicate to bid for the entire block of \$50,000,000 in bonds has been formed is still indefinite, but that a combination of banks, foreign banking houses and trust companies have already practically underwritten the loan, was open talk in Wall Street circles this morning. This combination is understood to be the result of the multitude of private conferences held within the week at the office of President John A. Stewart, of the United States Trust Company. From a source very close to Mr. Stewart, an opinion was obtained that the subscriptions would exceed \$100,000,000. The combination formed by Mr. Stewart, it is thought, will put in bids a shade under three per cent. basis and it is reported that the gold furnished by the commission to pay for the bonds will be obtained from sources other than the sub-treasury.

Investment Officers Arrested.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 23.—The officers of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association, the Fidelity Building, Loan and Investment Company, and the Columbia Building Loan and Investment Company were raided by the police this morning. The president, vice president and five other parties connected with the concern were arrested and placed behind the bars at the central police station. Emma Snyder, a colored woman residing in Allegheny, swore to the information charging conspiracy to defraud upon which the arrests were made. The above named institutions are branches of the Fidelity Building, Loan and Investment Association of Washington.

Endangered by Natural Gas.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Nov. 23.—By mistake yesterday the natural gas was given high pressure in the low pressure mains, and at midnight it was discovered that over 500 stoves and heaters in all parts of the city were melting under the intense heat, and many buildings were igniting. Bells were rung, whistles sounded and the citizens aroused to discover themselves in the midst of a general fire. The flow of gas was arrested and only three houses burned. If the alarm had been twenty minutes later no power could have saved the city from total annihilation.

Broad in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 23.—Every flour mill in this city has closed down for an indefinite period. The reason given by the millers is that the market is gutted with flour and suffering from over-production. A different view of the situation is taken by local dealers who point to the fact that the mills are suddenly closed at a time when the question of cheaper bread is being vigorously agitated by the newspapers. So much fraud in the sale of bread has been discovered that the City Council is considering a measure to compel dealers to sell bread by weight.

Accident to a Ferry Boat.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The new ferry boat Netherlands while on her trip this morning from Hoboken ran into the end of the slip on the New York side. The boat carried over a thousand passengers, and the excitement for a time was intense. Some were buried in the debris of woodwork of the vessel, and a score or more were severely hurt.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Diamond Lake, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Biles Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its action and highly satisfactory in its results." Trial bottles free at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Port has arranged to send a commission to Armenia to investigate the alleged outrages there.

At Asheville, N. C., no change is reported in Miss Stevenson's condition to-day, but it is not thought that she can recover.

Robert D. Morrison, one of the best known lawyers of the Baltimore bar, was stricken with paralysis at his home in Waverly yesterday and died this morning.

Five students of the University Medical College of Kansas City, Mo., were arrested in Oak Grove Cemetery, in that city, at midnight last night on a charge of grave robbery.

While drying out dynamite stocks at the new reservoir for water works, just outside the city limits of Charleston, W. Va., an explosion occurred this morning instantly killing Joseph Hoskins, fatally injuring Frank Ridley, blowing out both eyes, and breaking legs and arms; cannot recover. Ben Franklin was badly injured in the hand and left leg. All three were colored.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning, fire of unknown origin broke out in the Allegheny Traction Company's barns, at Pittsburgh. The flames spread rapidly. There were fifty horses in the barns, forty-nine of which were burned. Seven old horse-cars and seven new electric motors were also burned. In the rear of the barn on Emmanuel street, four single and two double frame houses were destroyed.

THE CHINESE WAR.

The chief of the imperial customs at Tien-Tsin, Da Ting, who was recently summoned to Peking in order to confer with the government as to ways and means for raising money for the war, has left for Japan in order to arrange terms of peace.

Reliable information received at Tien Tsin from Port Arthur shows that the first attack of the Japanese drove in the Chinese outposts. Three other attacks were subsequently made, but in each case the Japanese were repulsed. Heavy and incessant firing has been going on since noon Tuesday. The Japanese are landing additional troops. They warned a British vessel to clear, as their fleet intended to bombard the forts Wednesday.

A special correspondent at Port Arthur, writing from there describes the place as being a city of the dead. The streets are empty, and only soldiers are to be seen in the houses. The correspondent estimates that 20,000 superior northern troops are defending Port Arthur, and that they have plenty of ammunition. He adds that the fortress is impregnable if defended, and that the garrison has provisions enough to last six weeks.

The Chinese have lost the finest and most powerful vessel of their navy—the great battleship Chen Yuen—which stood the brunt of the fighting at Yalu. The news came to the Navy Department at Washington yesterday. It states that the Chen Yuen, in leaving Wei-Hai-Wei harbor on the 18th inst., accidentally struck a torpedo. She was beached, but was rendered useless for lack of docking facilities. In despair at the catastrophe, the commander, Commodore Lin, committed suicide.

Thn Chen Yuen was a magnificent fighting machine, very much like the battleship Maine. She was built in Europe in 1882, and was 7,430 tons displacement.

It would appear from the brief statement of facts in the cablegram that the ship fell a victim to one of the torpedoes, planted by the Chinese themselves to guard the entrance to Wei-Hai-Wei, which was the last of the great naval strongholds of the empire, save Port Arthur, now tottering to its fall.

A dispatch from Shanghai states that Count Oyama's army is marching northward in the direction of Niuwang, ten thousand troops being left behind for the investment of Port Arthur.

A STUFFED EMPEROR.—One of the most remarkable stuffed skins on record was that of Valerian, Emperor of Rome, who was taken prisoner and afterward kept in chains by Sapor, King of Persia. He was either killed in a tumult or by order of his conqueror, who was perhaps fearful of losing his valuable living trophy, in the year 269. The body of the dead emperor was treated with no more delicacy than when it had held the spark of a living one. It was skinned, the hide, after being tanned, was stuffed, painted red and suspended in the chief temple of the capital. It remained there for many years, and was the popular spectacle for holiday makers and visitors from the country. But it was put to more important ends than this; it was made a diplomatic engine of much significance and efficiency. In after times it often happened that the Roman envoys at the Persian court had misunderstandings, more or less serious, with the government to which they were temporarily accredited. When these ambassadors from Rome grew arrogant in their demands, it was the custom to conduct them into the presence of the stuffed skin of the old emperor of Rome, where they were asked if humility did not become them at sight of such a spectacle.—*Hartford Courant*.

CONFEDERATE ARCHIVES.—Mr. Norman B. Randolph has returned to Richmond from New York, where he had a conference with Mr. Charles Broadway Roush touching the latter's proposition to establish an institution for the preservation of Confederate war archives. Mr. Roush's idea is that all the camps and other Confederate associations should unite in the prosecution of the work to the end of having one grand institution for the preservation of the Confederate archives, and that all the existing collections, such as that of the Confederate Memorial and Literary Society in Richmond, and that of the Memorial Hall in New Orleans should be merged under one roof. Mr. Randolph will make his report to Lee Camp, of Richmond, to-night.

Richmond is trying to get a cheaper telegraphic service.

Mrs. T. S. Hawkins, Chattanooga, Tenn., says "Shiloh's Vitalizer" SAVED MY LIFE! I consider it the best remedy for a debilitated system I ever used." For Dyspepsia, Liver or Kidney trouble it excels. Price 75c. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

ROMANTIC LIFE OF A SUICIDE.—A man registered as "J. Smith, Bay St. Paul," at the Leland House, Winnipeg, Man., last Saturday. Sunday afternoon he sat up in bed, and, with the aid of a mirror, sent a bullet through his brain, dying shortly after. He was Henry Oakley Smith, a member of an old and aristocratic family, closely connected with nobility.

Twelve years ago he was prominent in London society, but lost all through a woman. In 1880 he became infatuated with Kitty Fortescue, a famous English stage beauty. They were clandestinely married. Afterwards, renounced by his parents and cut off without income, he obtained a traveling position, and lived happily for a year or so, when his wife began taking part in private theatricals.

She achieved such success that her head was turned, and, despite his pleadings, she returned to the stage. Her successful career is familiar to all English people. There was a parting, and five years ago a reconciliation. Then came a scandal connecting his wife with a titled profligate.

The husband could not bear the disgrace and he quietly took passage for America, settling in Manitoba after months of aimless wandering. He always lived in remote places, managed to make a scant livelihood, but was too proud to apply for assistance from his family.

A short time ago his circumstances became so desperate that he wrote home, and soon received a letter from his father's lawyer, stating that assistance would be forthcoming. Awaiting this, he lived on charity with a farmer, and borrowed money to come to Winnipeg. When his remittance came he found it contained but \$25. This so mortified him that he procured a revolver, and, after spending what remained in drink, shot himself. He told his story to a local lawyer before committing the deed.

NO MORE FREE GOLDFISH.—Citizens who apply to the Fish Commission in Washington for goldfish will be doomed to disappointment in the future. The commission has found it necessary to curtail the generous and gratuitous distribution of these fish which has come, during the past five years, to be a large part of the institution. In the future goldfish will be furnished only to State commissions, to parks, and for public uses generally, and will not be given to private applicants. This step has been forced upon the commission by the steady increase of the demand for goldfish, which has grown until it overtaxes the forces of the bureau and interferes with more important work. There is no special law authorizing or compelling the commission to handle goldfish. The custom of giving them away has grown from small beginnings ten years ago, until during the past five seasons the annual output has amounted to about 20,000 fish.

SOCIETY WOMEN SUMMONED.—Huntington, W. Va., is in a state of excitement over the action of Judge Harvey, who has issued rules for a dozen leading society women to make them come into court and testify as to the character of a social favorite, Captain William Smith and his handsome young wife, a member of the most exclusive set, separated a few weeks ago, she taking their baby. Smith brought suit for damages against Samuel Swain, a wealthy Indiana gas operator, and an uncle of his wife, asking \$10,000 damages for enticing his wife away. He got out a writ of habeas corpus to gain possession of his child, alleging that his wife is not morally fit to have her, and summoned thirty social leaders to prove it. Twelve of these women left town to escape going to court, but constables have been sent after them, and Judge Harvey will imprison the recalcitrants. The evidence is expected to be extremely sensational.

FITZSIMMONS EXONERATED.—The inquest touching the death of Cornelius Riordan, who was killed in a sparring bout with Robert Fitzsimmons, in Syracuse, N. Y., last Friday night, was held last night before Coroner Roberts and a jury. The jury brought in the following verdict after a long wrangle:

"We find that Cornelius Riordan came to his death on the evening of Friday, November 16, from an accidental blow delivered by Robert Fitzsimmons while engaged in a sparring exhibition on the stage of the H. R. Jacobs Opera House. We exonerate Robert Fitzsimmons from all blame." Strong testimony against Fitzsimmons was given by Dr. D. M. Totman, who attended Riordan. He testified that the blow delivered by Fitzsimmons alone caused death.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Business is fairly active. Monetary affairs are quiet. In New York yesterday money on call was easy at 1 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2 3/4 per cent. In Baltimore money was easy, with funds in good supply, and the demand was broad enough to keep rates regular around 3 1/2 per cent. for call loans and 4 1/2 to 6 per cent. for time loans. Transactions in railroad bonds aggregated \$246,000, in which Southern Railway 5s made a good showing and at fairly steady prices, ranging from 88 to 87. A ready absorption of these bonds was noted in Baltimore and in New York. Local shares are quiet but firm.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—11 a. m.—Speculation at the Stock Exchange was quiet this morning and the changes in prices were confined to narrow limits. London was a moderate seller of its specialties. At 11 o'clock the market was tolerably firm, except for sugar, and which rules weak.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 23.—Virginia three 72 1/2; do century 58 1/2; 59 1/2.

Wholesale Prices in Alexandria

Flour, superfine.....	1 50	a 1 75
Extra.....	2 15	a 2 30
Family.....	2 60	a 2 75
Fancy brands.....	3 10	a 3 80
Wheat, longberry.....	0 50	a 0 56
Choice.....	0 50	a 0 55
Mixed.....	0 50	a 0 55
Fair.....	0 49	a 0 53
Damp and tough.....	0 48	a 0 50
Corn, white.....	0 49	a 0 52
Yellow.....	0 48	a 0 52
Corn Meal.....	0 50	a 0 52
Oats.....	0 49	a 0 54
Oats, mixed.....	0 34	a 0 38
White.....	0 38	a 0 37
Butter, Virginia, packed.....	0 18	a 0 20
Choice Virginia.....	0 20	a 0 22
Common to middling.....	0 14	a 0 15
Eggs.....	0 21	a 0 23
Western, hind quarters.....	0 7	a 0 8

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Dressed, drawn.....	0 8	a 0 8
Live Chickens (hens).....	0 7	a 0 8
Dressed Chickens, per lb.....	0 7	a 0 8
Spring chickens.....	0 7	a 0 8
Veal Calves.....	0 4	a 0 5 1/2
Lamb, spring.....	0 2 1/2	a 0 3 1/2
Dressed Hogs.....	0 5	a 0 5 1/2